

ARS-Former Soviet Union Scientific Cooperation Program

Companion Proposal Format for ARS Scientists

When responding to a former Soviet Union (FSU) pre-proposal, please address the following points in a one – two page document.

- Your name, title, location
- Project title and collaborators;
- What you would like to accomplish;
- Why this research may be important to your program [please include the ARS National program number that this project complements, and name of the relevant NPL(s)];
- Why you wish to become involved;
- Any concerns or security issues;
- Why you feel the project could be successful;
- If you have had any prior contact with your collaborator; and
- Are you (or a designee from your lab) willing to travel annually to the FSU institute during the duration of the project?

Selection Process

The major considerations used by ARS to select projects for preliminary and final funding are as follows:

- The project will engage scientists from a former BW institute in Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan or Ukraine.
- The project will advance ARS mission and program (importance of topic, quality of proposal).
- The project has the potential to be truly interactive.
- The project has a good probability of success and sustainability (publications, products).
- The principal investigators are effective, committed, and willing to participate in exchange visits.
- The facilities (including animal welfare) are adequate and appropriate to accomplish the objectives of the project.

Application Instructions

Please submit your companion proposal along with a copy of the FSU pre-proposal to OIRP via supervisory channels, including the appropriate Area Director, to ensure line management approval (**a sample cover memo is below**). This may be done via email, fax or regular mail, although we will need an electronic copy of your companion proposal. An AD-425 is not required for the proposal as any funds your lab would receive under the program would be considered internal ARS funds.

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SAMPLE

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SUBJECT: Companion Proposal to Russian Pre-Proposal on Plant Health

TO: OIRP Contact

THROUGH: (insert name), Area Director
(insert name), Institute or Center Director

FROM: (insert name) Research Leader

Dr. (insert name) of the (FSU Institute's name), City, Country, has submitted a pre-proposal entitled "(insert title)." If approved, the project would be funded by ARS through the Former Soviet Union Scientific Cooperation Program. The principal ARS collaborator for this proposal is Dr. (insert name), of the (insert lab/research unit).

Enclosed is the companion proposal that (insert ARS collaborator name) has prepared, along with the pre-proposal submitted by the (insert country) institute.

Enclosure



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